



**Testimony of Connecticut Fund for the Environment  
Before the Committee on Public Health**

***In support of HB 5537, AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE  
PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES***

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*Connecticut Fund for the Environment ("CFE") is a non-profit environmental organization with over 5,500 members statewide. The mission of the CFE, and its program Save the Sound, is to protect and improve the land, air and water of Connecticut and Long Island Sound. We use legal and scientific expertise and bring people together to achieve results that benefit our environment for current and future generations.*

Dear Sen. Gerratana, Rep. Johnson and Members of the Public Health Committee,

Connecticut Fund for the Environment submits this testimony in support of Proposed HB 5537, AAC the Department of Public Health's Recommendations Regarding Various Revisions to the Public Health Statutes. If passed, Section 13 would change statutory language to eliminate the requirement that a water company must include some Class III land in a sale of Class II land to a municipality, the state, or a water company. The Water Planning Council Advisory Group requested this change and the Water Planning Council recommended that the change be included in the Department of Public Health's 2014 legislative proposal. Under the current language, if no Class III land is available, an otherwise reasonable transfer of watershed to the state, a municipality, or another water company would be prohibited.

Therefore, we support this legislation and urge you to approve Section 13 of HB 5537.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

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